

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM WORK GROUP

Health Professions Council Board Room
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Suite 225
Austin, Texas

October 19, 2015

Gay Dodson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present representing the Board of Pharmacy (TSBP):

Gay Dodson, Executive Director
Allison Benz, Director of Professional Services
Kerstin Arnold, General Counsel
Steve Rapp, Director of Information Technology
Bj Slack, Prescription Monitoring Program Manager

Members present representing the Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE):

Simone Salloum, Assistant General Counsel
Lisa Jones, Director of Investigations

Member present representing the Medical Board (TMB):

Rui Bernardo, Executive Support Manager

Members present representing the Board of Nursing (BON):

Katherine Thomas, Executive Director
Dusty Johnson, General Council
Kristin Benton, Director of Nursing
Skylar Caddell, Investigator

Member present representing the Podiatric Medical Examiners (TSBPME)

Veronica Coronado, Staff Services Officer

Member present representing the Veterinary Medical Examiners:

Karen Phillips, Director of Enforcement

Ms. Dodson introduced Bj Slack, who will be the Pharmacy Board's Prescription Monitoring Program Manager

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Ms. Dodson explained that the minutes of the Interagency Prescription Monitoring Program Work Group meeting that was held July 13, 2015, had been sent to the Executive Directors of all the Health Professions Council Boards and no changes or corrections were noted.

Ms. Dodson gave an updated on the program's funding issues and explained an oversight in the drafting of Senate Bill 195, resulted in an effective date of September 1, 2016, for funding of the program. She explained that the Pharmacy Board was working with the Governor's office on the option of acquiring an Emergency Funding Grant.

Ms. Dodson explained that the Pharmacy Board was finishing the specifications on bids for a new software program, and she asked for suggestions on the program requirements. She explained the new program should allow for various sorting options such as: patient; drug; physician; etc.

Lisa Jones with the Dental Examiners stated that the ability to search by name should also include Soundex to identify similar names. She also stated it would be helpful if the program could identify when more than one Board had an open investigation concerning an individual or facility.

Ms. Dodson explained that when the new software program was ready for testing she will contact the members of the Work Group for their assistance in the testing and for their feedback on how the program works.

Ms. Dodson explained that the Pharmacy Board has the responsibility for approving new rules concerning Controlled Substance. She explained that proposed new rules would be presented at the Pharmacy Board Business Meeting held November 3, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.